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DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

v.

MELISSA GIOVE, d/o/b:
ERIC CANORI, d/o/b:

Case Number: 09-M-259

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Between about June 12, 2009 and June 16, 2009 in Saratoga County, in the State and Northern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate and agree with one or more other persons to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21 United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1); (b)(1)(B); and 846. I further state that I am a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration (the "DEA") assigned to the Capital District Drug Enforcement Task Force (hereinafter the "CDDETF") and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

An investigation conducted by the CDDETF has led to evidence that defendant Melissa Giove and Eric Canori conspired with other individuals to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, more than 100 kilograms of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance. Specifically, on June 16, 2009, Melissa Giove agreed to accept in excess of 100 kilograms of marijuana from another individual for the purpose of redistribution in the Northern District of New York and elsewhere.

On June 16, 2009, pursuant to an investigation into the marijuana trafficking of individuals in the Northern District of New York, members of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the CDDETF, with the assistance of a confidential informant, arranged a controlled delivery of marijuana to Melissa Giove at a Hilton hotel located in Albany, New York. Investigators set up surveillance at the Hilton hotel and Albany County Airport in Albany, New York. At approximately 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 2009, investigators witnessed Melissa Giove arrive on, and depart from, a plane at the Albany County Airport. Melissa Giove then was observed taking a taxi which brought her to a Hilton hotel wherein she met with the confidential informant and accepted receipt of a pick-up truck and attached box-trailer that contained marijuana. The pick-up truck was a rental vehicle and the trailer is owned by Melissa Giove. The amount of marijuana originally contained within the aforementioned trailer and intended for delivery to Melissa Giove exceeded 100 kilograms, but was reduced below 100 kilograms for investigatory / safety purposes.

Following receipt of the pick-up truck and attached trailer, Melissa Giove, after having dropped off the informant at a book store in Wilton, New York, drove the trailer to a Hannaford Supermarket parking lot in Wilton, New York. Shortly thereafter, in the same parking lot, Melissa Giove met with Eric Canori who resides in Wilton, New York. Melissa Giove then followed Eric Canori to his residence in Wilton, New York where some of the contents of the trailer were unloaded into the residence. Melissa Giove and Eric Canori then departed the residence and headed off in separate directions with Melissa Giove continuing to operate the pick-up truck and attached trailer.

Investigators followed Melissa Giove to Saratoga Lake where she stopped the vehicle and trailer and was then confronted by investigators. The trailer was searched and marijuana was found inside of the trailer.

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A search of the aforementioned residence in Wilton, New York was conducted at approximately 5:00 p.m. on June 16th and the following items of significance were seized: an additional 30-50 pounds of marijuana; a money counter; a heat sealer; plastic bags identical in color, size and type to the plastic bags used to hold and conceal the marijuana seized in the trailer; nine cell phones; and approximately \$1,000,000.00 in cash concealed in a duffle bag in a hallway closet, an in assorted shoeboxes in the basement.

Continued on the attached and made a part hereof. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

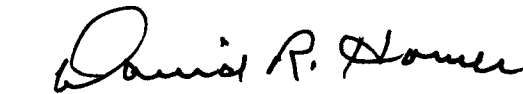


Keith Clinton
DEA Special Agent, CDDETf

June 17, 2009 at
Date

Albany, New York
City and State

DAVID R. HOMER
United States Magistrate Judge - N.D.N.Y.
Name and Title of Judicial Officer



Signature of Judicial Officer